

**REQUEST FOR
CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)
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Application Number: 09/917,655

Filing Date: July 31, 2001

First Named Inventor: Peter BOEKSTEGERS

Group Art Unit: 3764

Examiner: Q. D. THANH

Attorney Docket Number: 07883.0046

Attorney Customer Number: 22,852

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

Request for Continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filed prior to June 8, 1995, or to any design application.

1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114: Note: If the RCE is proper, any previously filed unentered amendments and amendments enclosed with the RCE will be entered in the order in which they were filed unless applicant instructs otherwise. If applicant does not wish to have any previously filed unentered amendment(s) entered, application must request non-entry of such amendment.

- a. ☐ Previously submitted. If a final Office action is outstanding, any amendments filed after the final Office action may be considered as a submission even if this box is not checked.
- i. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief of Reply Brief previously filed on [Date] _____.
- ii. ☐ Other _____
- b. ☒ Enclosed:
- i. ☒ Amendment/Reply
- ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
- iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement
- iv. ☐ Other _____

2. Miscellaneous

- a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-mentioned application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of [number] months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required.)
- b. ☐ Other _____

3. Fees

- a. ☒ The filing fee is calculated as follows:
- i. ☒ \$385.00 small-entity RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e)
- ii. ☐ Petition for extension of time for ([number] Months) \$[Fee]
- iii. ☒ Other: \$54.00 small-entity additional claims fee.
- b. ☒ Check in the amount of \$439.00 enclosed.
- c. ☒ The Commissioner is authorized to charge any deficiencies in the filing fees, or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

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Date: April 27, 2004

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FLOW FROM A HEART)
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Sir:

TRANSMITTAL LETTER

The enclosed Amendment and Request for Continued Examination are submitted herewith in response to the Final Office Action dated January 28, 2004. The fees are calculated as follows:

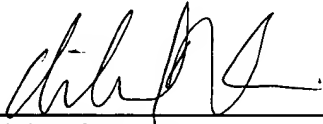
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Subtotal						\$ 108.00
Reduction by ½ if small entity						- 54.00
TOTAL						\$ 54.00

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A check for \$439.00 to cover the \$385.00 RCE fee and \$54.00 additional claims fee is enclosed.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this Amendment and Request for Continued Examination and charge any additional required fees to our Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

Dated: April 27, 2004

By: 
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AMENDMENT

In reply to the final Office Action mailed January 28, 2004, a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) and corresponding fee payment being submitted herewith, please amend this application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims in this paper.

Remarks follow the amendment sections of this paper.